



# Minnesota Senate

## Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

3:00 pm | Room 1150

### Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. SF 2217 (Seeberger) Minnesota State Horticultural Society appropriations
  - Paul Markwardt, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Minnesota State Horticultural Society
3. SF 1831 (Kupec) County agricultural inspector grants appropriation
  - Bob Dunning, Stearns County, County Agricultural Inspector
4. SF 2147 (Kupec) Livestock investment grant program grant awards modification
  - Hannah Bernhardt, Finlayson farmer, Climate Land Leaders
5. SF 1770 (Kupec) Northern crops institute grants appropriation
  - David Boehm, Director, Northern Crops Institute
6. SF 305 (Lang) Meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities appropriation
  - Paul Sobocinski, Farmer, Minnesota Farmers Union
7. SF 1805 (Dahms) Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association grants appropriation
  - John Dvorak, Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association
8. SF 2137 (Johnson) Minnesota Turf Seed Council grants appropriation
  - Bruce Kleven, MN Turf Seed Council
9. SF 1894 (Putnam) Federal accreditation requirement of benefit services providers
  - No new testimony will be taken at this time
10. University of Minnesota Presentation on Agriculture research and projects
  - Rebecca Cunningham, President, University of Minnesota

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- Shashank Priya, VP of Research & Innovation, University of MN

- Brian Buhr, Dean, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences

11. Adjournment